

[14th March 1928]

A.--(a) & (b) The present position is as follows:—

Chidambaram Municipal Council.—The terms of all the five nominated councillors have expired. The Collector has been asked to expedite his proposals to fill the vacancies.

Villupuram Municipal Council.—The terms of three nominated councillors expired in November and December 1927 and January 1928. One vacancy has since been filled and proposals are under consideration in the case of the remaining two vacancies.

Cuddalore Municipal Council.—The terms of five municipal councillors expired in June and November 1927. One of these vacancies has been filled. The Collector has been asked for proposals in respect of the other four.

Gudiyattam Municipal Council.—All the vacancies in nominated seats have been filled.

Rao Bahadur K. SITARAMA REDDIYAR:—"Are the Government aware that these are the only municipalities in the South Arcot district?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Yes."

Rao Bahadur K. SITARAMA REDDIYAR:—"Is there any special reason why in all these three municipalities of the district nominations are being delayed?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Reports have been called for from the Collector."

Rao Bahadur K. SITARAMA REDDIYAR:—"With regard to the Villupuram Municipal Council will the hon. the Minister in charge consider the claims of the people in the Railway colony who contribute much to the coffers of the Municipal Council?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"There is already a nominated member for the Railway colony."

Rao Bahadur K. SITARAMA REDDIYAR:—"Is the hon. Minister in charge aware that at the time of the formation of the municipality the original proposal was that the Railway colony should have three seats in the Municipal Council?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"That suggestion of my hon. Friend will be considered."

Civil Justice

Revision of the pay of copyists and examiners.

* 1734 Q.—MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what the present pay and emoluments of the copyists and copyist-examiners in the Revenue as well as Judicial offices are;

(b) whether the Government propose to increase their pay; and

(c) whether the Government propose to give them pension or bonus after retirement?

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A.—(a) *Copyists and copyist-examiners in the Revenue department.*—The hon. Member is referred to Board's Standing Order No. 173, section (ii).

Copyists in the Judicial department.—Copyists are paid at the rate of 15 pies per 150 words copied, subject to a monthly minimum pay of Rs. 20.

Examiners in the Judicial department.—The sanctioned scale of pay for examiners is Rs. 35—40.

(b) & (c) There are no such proposals before the Government.

Memorial from an amin of Cannanore District Munsif's Court regarding his promotion.

* 1735 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a memorial from one Henry Theodore Peter, permanent senior amin, District Munsif's Court, Cannanore, regarding his promotion;

(b) whether the memorialist has rendered Military service during the war;

(c) if so, whether his Military service and his service in the Judicial department have been taken into account in considering his prayer for promotion; and

(d) what action Government have taken or propose to take on his memorial?

A.—(a) & (d) The Government have not received the memorial referred to.

(b) & (c) The Government have no information.

Forests

Rewards for killing wild animals.

* 1736 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have considered the report of the Collector of South Kanara laid on the Council table in reply to my question No. 1424 answered on 25th January 1928; and

(b) whether, in view of the increase in the number of cattle destroyed by wild animals in 1926, the Government propose to give rewards freely for killing wild animals instead of restricting them to deserving cases?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Government are unable to accept the suggestion that rewards should be granted in undeserving cases. They are unable to attach the same significance to these statistics as the hon. Member does.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—“ May I know, Sir, what led the Government to issue instructions to district authorities to give rewards only in deserving cases? ”

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—“ I believe, Sir, that it was due to one of the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee.”